## **PROCLAMATION**

BY THE

## Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

REPRODUCED FROM THE HOLDINGS OF THE TEXAS STATE ARCHIVES

I am vetoing and filing with the Secretary of State House Bill No. 878, passed by the recently adjourned Regular Session of the Forty-ninth Legislature.

House Bill No. 878 proposed to amend several articles of the election statutes so as to provide that candidates for State, District and County offices shall file their requests for a place on the official ballot not later than the first Monday in April preceding each general primary election.

The Bill also proposed to amend Article 3115 to provide that the Primary Committee shall meet on the fourth Monday in April and make up the official ballot for such general primary in such county, in accordance with the certificates of the State and District Chairman, etc.

The Bill does not amend article 3092, which provides that a candidate for the nomination for United States Senator shall file his request for a place on the official ballot with the State Chairman of said party not later than the first Monday in June preceding such general primary. This adds to the confusion in our present election laws. Under the terms of the Bill, the State and County Executive Committees would be required to make up the ballot before the candidates for United States. required to make up the ballot before the candidates for United States Senator were known.

In my message to the Legislature on January 11, 1945 I recommended the correction of defects in our election laws and the elimination of conflicting provisions. I stated, however, that while legislation of such character is highly desirable, it should be carefully considered in order that further conflicts will not occur in the statutory provisions regarding elections.

House Bill No. 878 reached my office less than ten days before the end of the Regular Session of the Forty-ninth Legislature. In accordance with the Constitution, it is being filed with the Secretary of State together with this proclamation containing my objections to the bill.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused the Seal of State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this the twenty fifth day of June, A.D., 1945.

GOVERNOR: